
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 21, 1871.

Read the first and second times, considered as in Committee of the Whole, and motion by Mr. POMEROY to amend pending.

NOTE.—The amendment proposed by Mr. POMEROY is indicated by *italics*.

AN ACT

To enable the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company to change the northern terminus of its road from Traverse Bay to the Straits of Mackinaw, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company,
4 a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the
5 State of Michigan, and to which the said State granted a
6 portion of the land grant made to aid in the construction of a
7 railroad from Amboy, by Hillsdale and Lansing, to some
8 point on or near Traverse Bay, by an act entitled "An act
9 making a grant of alternate sections of the public lands to
10 the State of Michigan to aid in the construction of certain
11 railroads in said State, and for other purposes," approved
12 June three, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, be, and hereby is,
13 empowered and authorized to change the northern terminus

14 of its railroad from Traverse Bay to some point on or near the
15 Straits of Mackinaw, in said State of Michigan, and to change
16 the location of the incompleted portion of its railroad, so as
17 to obtain the most direct and suitable practicable route from
18 Saginaw River to the Straits of Mackinaw: *Provided*, That
19 such change shall lessen the length of said line by rendering
20 it more direct: *And provided further*, That no change in the
21 location of said line of railroad shall have the effect or be
22 construed to work any change in the land grant made to aid
23 in the construction of said road: *And provided also*, That
24 such new location shall be made within the limits of such
25 land grant until the northern limit of said grant is passed.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That only the lands
2 embraced within the limits of the said grant as the same was
3 originally located under said act of Congress of June three,
4 eighteen hundred and fifty-six, shall pertain to said railroad,
5 or be applicable to aid in the building of the same, whether
6 it be constructed on such new or improved location, or on the
7 said original location. But all the lands within the limits of
8 said grant now remaining unsold, and of the character
9 described and embraced in said act of Congress, whether
10 heretofore listed and certified by the Commissioner of the
11 Land Office as inuring under said grant or not, shall belong
12 to and be applicable to aid in the construction of said railroad,
13 whether built on said improved or said original location, *but*

14 *this shall not be held or construed to deprive any bona fide*
15 *settler, upon the land herein designated, of any rights they*
16 *have acquired under the laws of the United States or of the*
17 *State at the time of the passage of this act; and the said com-*
18 *pany, on completing its said railroad, or any portion thereof,*
19 *within the time and in the manner required by law, namely,*
20 *on or before June third, eighteen hundred and seventy-*
21 *three, the time limited in the act of Congress of July third,*
22 *eighteen hundred and sixty-six, on such new or improved line,*
23 *shall be entitled to the same amount of said lands for each*
24 *mile of said railroad so constructed as if the same had been*
25 *built on the line originally located under said act: Provided,*
26 *That said company shall not be entitled to any of said lands*
27 *for that part of its said new or improved line situate to the*
28 *northward of the limits of its said land grant, and between*
29 *that point and the Straits of Mackinaw; but the right of way*
30 *for said railroad over the public lands on its new or improved*
31 *location is hereby granted.*

Passed the House of Representatives February 13, 1871.

Attest: EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk.*